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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A tamper indicating device comprising:

a backing having a first side and a second side, wherein the backing comprises a first phase and a second phase, wherein the backing has a first level of light diffusion, and when a peeling force is applied to the backing, the backing fractures and has a second level of light diffusion that is a higher level of light diffusion than the first level of light diffusion;

a flood coat applied to the second side of the backing, the flood coat defining a window therein; and

a mask ~~applied to~~ at least one of printed, colored, drawn, embossed or scratched on the tamper indicating device, the mask being in partial or whole registration with the window in the flood coat.

Claim 2 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 1, wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises at least one security marking applied to the first side of the backing, wherein the security marking has substantially the same color as the flood coat.

Claim 3 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 1, further comprising an adhesive layer bonded to the flood coat.

Claim 4 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 3, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, and wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises a release liner applied to the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

Claim 5 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 2, wherein security markings are colored the same color as the color of the flood coat.

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Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An article including a tamper indicating device, comprising:

- an object having secured information;
- a tamper indicating device, comprising:
 - a backing having a first side and a second side, wherein the backing comprises a first phase and a second phase, wherein the backing has a first level of light diffusion, and when a peeling force is applied to the backing, the backing fractures and has a second level of light diffusion that is a higher level of light diffusion than the first level of light diffusion;
 - a flood coat applied to the second side of the backing; and
 - a mask applied to the tamper indicating device, such that the mask obscures the secured information of the object until the mask is at least partially removed from the tamper indicating device; and
- an adhesive layer attaching the tamper indicating device to the object.

Claim 7 (Original): The article of claim 6, wherein the flood coat defines a window.

Claim 8 (Original): The article of claim 6, wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises at least one security marking applied to the first side of the backing, wherein the security marking has substantially the same color as the flood coat.

Claim 9 (Original): The article of claim 8, wherein security markings are colored the same color as the color of the flood coat.

Claim 10 (Original): The article of claim 6, wherein the adhesive layer is bonded to the flood coat.

Claim 11 (Original): The article of claim 10, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, and wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises a release liner applied to the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

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Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An article, comprising:

an object having secured information;

a tamper indicating backing having a first side and a second side, wherein the backing comprises a first phase and a second phase, wherein the backing is light transmissive, and wherein a peeling force causes the backing to fracture and become more opaque;

an adhesive layer applied to the second side of the backing, wherein the adhesive layer is colored, and wherein the adhesive layer is bonded to the application surface of the object; and

a mask applied to the tamper indicating device, wherein the mask obscures the secured information of the object until the mask is at least partially removed from the tamper indicating device.

Claim 13 (Original): The article of claim 12, wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises at least one security marking applied to the first side of the backing.

Claim 14 (Original): The article of claim 13 further comprising a flood coat applied to the second side of the backing, the flood coat defining a window therein, wherein security markings have substantially the same color as the color of the flood coat.

Claim 15 (Original): The article of claim 12, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, and wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises a release liner applied to the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

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Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A tamper indicating device comprising:

a backing having a first side and a second side, wherein the backing comprises a first phase and a second phase, wherein the backing has a first level of light diffusion, and when a peeling force is applied to the backing, the backing internally delaminates and has a second level of light diffusion that is a higher level of light diffusion than the first level of light diffusion;

a flood coat applied to the second side of the backing, the flood coat defining a window therein; and

a mask ~~applied to at least one of printed, colored, drawn, embossed or scratched on~~ the tamper indicating device, the mask being in partial or whole registration with the window in the flood coat.

Claim 17 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 16, wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises at least one security marking applied to the first side of the backing, wherein the security marking has substantially the same color as the flood coat.

Claim 18 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 16, further comprising an adhesive layer bonded to the flood coat.

Claim 19 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 18, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, and wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises a release liner applied to the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

Claim 20 (Original): The tamper indicating device of claim 17, wherein security markings are colored the same color as the color of the flood coat.

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Claim 21 (Currently Amended): An article including a tamper indicating device, comprising:
an object having secured information;
a tamper indicating device, comprising:
a backing having a first side and a second side, wherein the backing comprises a first phase and a second phase, wherein the backing has a first level of light diffusion, and when a peeling force is applied to the backing, the backing internally delaminates and has a second level of light diffusion that is a higher level of light diffusion than the first level of light diffusion;
a flood coat applied to the second side of the backing; and
a mask applied to the tamper indicating device, such that the mask obscures the secured information of the object until the mask is at least partially removed from the tamper indicating device; and
an adhesive layer attaching the tamper indicating device to the object.

Claim 22 (Original): The article of claim 21, wherein the flood coat defines a window.

Claim 23 (Original): The article of claim 21, wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises at least one security marking applied to the first side of the backing, wherein the security marking has substantially the same color as the flood coat.

Claim 24 (Original): The article of claim 23, wherein security markings are colored the same color as the color of the flood coat.

Claim 25 (Original): The article of claim 21, wherein the adhesive layer is bonded to the flood coat.

Claim 26 (Original): The article of claim 25, wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, and wherein the tamper indicating device further comprises a release liner applied to the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.